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CHEQUES AND BILLS GONE

A Pocket Book Containing Cheques and Bills Stolen. Young Man Arrested.

On his way in from the Mikado Tuesday, Capt. H. J. Davis of the star, Heather Bell, missed his pocket book containing about \$10 in cash and five cheques made out by the Mikado Mining Co. in favor of B. Morrison, S. Flatt, Joe Noel, W. Watters, and Ole Johnson, and indorsed by them. Capt. Davis was certain they were stolen and at once stopped payment of the cheques which were drawn on the Imperial Bank. The numbers and amounts of the cheques are as follows: 45881 for \$18.30 in favor of B. Morrison; 45882 for \$16.55 in favor of S. Flatt; 45886 for \$23.65 in favor of Joe Noel; 45890 for \$30.85 in favor of W. Watters; and 45891 for \$8.41 in favor of Ole Johnson.

Yesterday the cheques were presented at the bank by a young man who signed his name as White. They were of course not honored.

The police were not notified till yes-

terday and are now working on the case, with good chances of finding the guilty parties.

The description given by the bank people of the man who presented the cheques led Chief Woods to believe that a young man named Williams would know something of the affair, and he was arrested this morning and is now in the jail.

It is not at all likely that the man who presented the cheques is the party who stole them, but if this part of the transaction can be definitely fixed it will be comparatively easy to locate the principal offender.

Drowned at the Sea.

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., July 15.—Philip Bigging, aged about 21 years, seventh son of ex-Mayor Biggings, editor of the Algoma Pioneer, and a private in the garrison at Halifax, was drowned near here this afternoon. He had been spending a 21 days' furlough with his family here, and while visiting with his parents at a friend's home in West Korah, went alone to take a swim in a small lake known as Nettleton's lake. When search was made after his non-appearance his clothes were found on the shore. A searching party left here this evening to look for the body, but it has not yet been found. The lake is a small one, and is said to be about a hundred feet deep.

FREIGHT TRAIN WRECKED

Engine and Ten Cars Leave the Track at Ingolf—Open Switch Supposed Cause.

An eastbound freight train was wrecked at Ingolf early this morning. It is impossible to get full details, but we learn that no lives were lost. The engine and ten cars left the track and all are more or less damaged. The cause of the wreck is not definitely known here, but it is supposed to be an open switch. The wrecking train from here left for the scene of the trouble about 5 o'clock this morning.

The wreck completely blocked the track, and no passenger train from the east has been able to reach Winnipeg. The local train from Rat Portage to Winnipeg which leaves here at 8 a.m. was cancelled. No. 2 passenger train has also been delayed at the other side of the wreck.

Gold in Ireland.

As a result of a six months prospecting tour for gold in the county of Wicklow, Ireland, Prof. W. N. Hartley has subjected 110 samples to assay giving 4 dwts of pure gold per ton of 2,200 lbs. This sample was obtained from a quartz vein about 8 inches wide on the Craghlan Kinsheagh mountain, and in the immediate vicinity of the government workings of 1798.

STRIKE OF STEEL MEN.

110,000 Steel Workers Go Out in the United States.

Pittsburgh, July 16.—There were no new developments in the great steel strike in this district during the early hours of the second day. All the plants closed yesterday were shut down tight, and matters about the Painter mill, Lindsay and McCutcheon, Clark's, Soler Iron Works, Monongahela and Stan ton plate plants were quiet. It was stated that Painter's mill was in partial operation, but the only men at work were a few Hungarians, who were cleaning up about the yards. Replying to a rumor that the management had brought a strike-breaker from Alabama, Assistant General Manager Harper said: "We can break our own strikers."

Supt. Albrecht, encountered a few moments later, said the plant would be running in full within a few days. Speculation as to the probable settlement of the strike is active in all

manufacturers generally the consensus of opinion is that the combining officials and Amalgamated officials will get together before long and adjust the differences. Some of the manufacturers were emphatic in stating that it would be arranged within 48 hours, yet they could give no positive information of any movement on foot to start negotiations.

President Shaffer was cheerful and said he was entirely satisfied with the situation.

ENORMOUS LOSSES.

Pittsburg, July 17.—According to figures compiled by the Pittsburg Dispatch, the steel strike is daily costing the three companies involved \$210,000 and the workmen \$150,000. It is estimated that in the daily loss of nearly 23,000 boxes of tin plate a day, the American Tin Plate Co. is daily losing over \$90,000, while the loss to casting companies, unable to secure their material, is enormous in addition. Practically no stocks have been carried and the consumption has kept pace with the production for some time past.

About 500 tons of the 1,000 tons daily production of the American Steel Steel Co. is being lost and this represents a loss each day to the combine of at least \$50,000.

The loss to the Gas Stove manufacturers is also great, as the mills are closed which make a specialty of stove iron. This is a heavy season for making stoves. About 2,000 or 2,500 tons of steel biogs, bands and cotton ties are being lost daily by the American Steel Hoop Co. by reason of the strike and this represents daily loss in money of \$70,000.

THE STRIKE IN THE EAST.

Orangeville, Ont., July 17.—A running meeting of the striking C. P. R. trackmen was held in the town hall here last night, and was attended by over 250 trackmen and citizens. The mayor occupied the chair, and representatives of various railway organizations, including a C. P. R. official, were present. D. Wilkinson of Toronto, chairman of the strike committee for Toronto district, was one of the speakers, and gave an outline of the situation in different districts of the C. P. R., where men are out.

Superintendent Brady of the western division of the C. P. R., spoke on behalf of the company, and A. B. Lorne for the Order of Railway Trackmen, and Rev. A. Bartlett and Andrew Pattullo in favor of the strikers.

There was a great deal of interest taken in the speeches, and when the meeting closed the sympathy was with the men, who are fighting for an increase in wages.

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THE SULTANA MINE

Lost Ore Body Was Found 800 Ft North of Old Workings Instead of South.

lodged in jail a man who corresponds with the description and photographs of Blondin, the Boston murderer. He appears to be a vicious character, and was captured with difficulty.

Tapscoff—Washburn

Smith's Falls, World: If there was anything lacking to make the arrival in town Thursday afternoon of Rev. Fred. T. Tapscoff, of Rat Portage, thoroughly pleasant, the want was supplied by the hearty welcome he received at the hands of his many friends and the charmingly inviting decoration of the home in which he was to become the husband of Miss Minnie Washburn.

But a few hours elapsed after his arrival when the guests, which included only relatives and intimate friends, assembled in the drawing room of the bride's mother, Mrs. J. Washburn. Here nature was almost outdone in the effective and pretty arrangement of innumerable plants and flowers, and only the song of the golden robin was absent to complete an artificial scene of indescribable beauty and attractiveness.

Rev. A. N. Frith, of the Baptist church here, assisted by Rev. Dr. Farmer, of McMaster University, Toronto, was the officiating clergyman and prepared to unite the young couple as they advanced to the melodious strains of the bride's favorite hymns, sent forth from the organ by Mrs. E. F. Briggs.

The bride was attired in a costume of white silk muslin over white satin (pretty) and appropriately finished, while a girdle of taffeta silk and white lace bouquet gave to the graceful form a natural charm which cannot be assumed.

(Miss Maggie Washburn, sister of the bride, wore a dress of white silk with lace sleeves and yoke, and encircled by a white ribbon sash, to which a bouquet of white carnations added a pretty finish.

Mr. David Moye, of Toronto, assisted the groom, and after the ceremony, which took place at 6 o'clock, the party partook of a wedding repast served from a table rarely beautiful in its adornment.

Mr. and Mrs. Tapscoff left on the 2 o'clock train for Brockville and will spend their honeymoon in the Adirondacks, after which they will take up their residence in Sault Ste. Marie.

Though Mr. Tapscoff is not very well known here, he is not a stranger to our citizens. He is a graduate of McMaster university, and his ability as a preacher has received marked recognition by the able divines of the Baptist church. His cleverness is but natural, for his father, the late Rev. S. Tapscoff, was admitted to be one of the ablest ministers of the church in the country.

Fife v. Garrison—Action to recover piece of goods sold. Action settled out of court.

Brydges v. Campbell—Action was brought by Mrs. E. W. Brydges and Mrs. W. Hall against Campbell Bros. & A. Campbell and S. M. Gadsby.

THE HIGH COURT SITTING

A Number of Cases Disposed of Since Our Last Issue.

The summer sittings of the assizes opened on Monday last. The Hon. Chief Justice Falconbridge presided. Mr. T. R. Deacon was chosen foreman of the grand jury. There were eleven civil and three criminal cases on the docket. The criminal cases embraced a charge of murder against J. Watson, a charge of bigamy against T. Davison, and a charge of unlawful detention of real estate against Prosper Desiré and Joseph Desiré. The charge against Watson was traversed to the next court as the defence desired the Crown to procure the evidence of certain officials at an insane asylum where the prisoner had been confined. The following is a summary of the cases:

Adams v. Colligan—Action brought by father of deceased against the owners of the Black Sturgeon mine to recover damages for the loss of his son who was killed while going down the shaft in a bucket, the bucket having slipped while descending. The evidence was heard with the exception of one witness whose testimony is to be taken in Toronto at a date to be fixed. Rowell and Moran for plaintiff; Clute and Draper for defendants.

Howe v. Colligan—A similar action to the one previously mentioned and tried at the same time the same court being engaged.

Taylor Curso v. Decca Mining Co.—Action brought to recover monies. Case held and judgment reserved. Bird for plaintiff and Boyce and Draper for defendants.

Fulleton v. Tanburt—Action to recover monies connected with certain mining locations. Action sued and judgment reserved.

Cameron v. McVeigh—Action brought by D. C. Cameron against Wm. McVeigh upon an appeal. Bond given by McVeigh as security in appeal by W. W. Baby in the action. Attorney General v. Cameron, which was an action to set aside a patent and which was appealed by Baby and appealed dismissed. Judgment for plaintiff for amount claimed. Rowell and Moran for plaintiff.

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ADVERTISE THE DISTRICT.

It has been said, and with much truth, that printed ink has contributed largely to the success of many business enterprises. This is not only true from the standpoint of business, but cities and districts have profited in a great degree by the advertising they have received. The state of Colorado in the neighboring republic is an example of this fact. Its people have neglected no opportunity to place its greatness as a mineral producing state before the world. Magazine articles and columns in the daily press are continuously under the eyes of the people extolling upon the the riches found within its borders. The story of Cripple Creek has been told again and again with beneficial effect. We have no desire to detract from the greatness of that state as a wealth-producer but rather to commend its people for making the facts known. However we contend that if the facts regarding western Ontario were put before the people of the continent with the same persistency, we would witness a similar progress here. From time to time efforts have been made here to have the district advertised in a proper manner but funds sufficient for the purpose have been difficult to raise.

Last winter a deputation waited upon the Ontario and Dominion governments to secure an appropriation for the Chamber of Mines. The delegates were cordially received and a promise made that something would probably be done. So far, however, the Chamber has looked in vain for these grants, and we understand that it is definitely known that nothing will be granted. It is generally conceded here that the Ontario government is the proper place to look for assistance in this matter. The people of the eastern part of the province will benefit almost as much from the development of Western Ontario as the residents here. A large part of the revenue of the province is derived from what is termed New Ontario, and it is felt that in return a portion of this should be spent in letting its resources be known. We trust that the effort to secure assistance in this matter will not be dropped but that further attempts be made to impress upon the government the necessity of a grant to the Chamber.

TAKE PRIDE IN CANADA.

The practice still prevails among

ton as profit, the total profit to be secured is estimated at £273,000. It is claimed that the estimates are based on conservative data. A chapter on coal throws much light on a subject that the outside public is little informed upon. In 1898 the amount raised in the Transvaal is stated as 1,008,000 tons, some three-fifths by the collieries of the eastern end of the Rand, the balance almost entirely by the Heidelberg and Middleburg districts. The author mentions a calculation pointing to 60,000,000 tons of good coal, after eliminating inferior coal from a colossal grand total.

It now appears from official advices sent by Lord Kitchener and verified by affidavits and witnesses, that the Boers killed wounded British prisoners at Vlakfontein. Under such circumstances it will be little short of criminal for the imperial government to show the least sign of weakening by offering easy terms to the Boers, while thus guilty of acts of murder like that involved in killing wounded prisoners should, if caught, be sternly punished.

The Canadian ministers who are in England, will probably sail home about the first of August, says the Tribune's London correspondent. They do not look for a practical solution of the question of an imperial court of appeal at once, but consider that a conference is helpful in creating an atmosphere for imperial federation. They assert that Canada is satisfied with the existing arrangements, and not in haste to modify them, hence that any proposals for creating an imperial court of appeal will need to be acted upon with deliberation. The ministers make up a strong delegation, and their presence in London has strengthened the good relations between Canada and the mother country.

Newfoundland elected to remain outside the British North America Confederation, and has now reached a condition in which confederation is not especially anxious to take it in. New Zealand has elected, if the last advices from Sydney are reliable, to remain outside the Australian confederation. The analogy is not particularly happy one for New Zealand, but that group of islands has never bothered itself with analogies or precedents. In some economic respects the most advanced, in others the most experimental, of the world's self-governing communities, it has elected to work out its own salvation. It may make itself a thorn in the side of the great commonwealth east of it, with which we fear it has none too much sympathy. But it is removed from the mainland by a good many hundred miles, and it has no shore question or treaty rights with which to vex the soul of the sister colony, and no great alien power at hand with which to stir.

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no steps here and there Diana, and Hilary grow pale. To them it seems a reflection on Mr. Ker-sight! To Ker, predictably, it seems only an reproachful silence, full then for the explosion of his secret. Clifford goes on again:

"I thought so, the Hilary was rather determined to appear at luncheon. She certainly said something about it. About, about—Do you remember? She was great on the afternoons."

Here Hilary lay down a plate before him with extreme vigor, and Diana began to talk very fast.

Ker, with difficulty diffusing his eyes from the foreground of many names, enters into the conversation with Diana, but predictably Clifford strikes into it first. "After all you must have seen Hilary," says he, "last sight I mean."

"No, not at all. You see I can't go late."

"But my dear fellow, you must have seen her for all that. She was a most conspicuous figure."

"Conspicuous?"

"Yes. Her dress you know, she's—"

There was a sudden movement behind him.

"Your napkin, sir?" says the parlormaid, handing it to him with angry eyes.

"How was she dressed?" asks Ker.

"Well, you could hardly call it a magnificent costume, but certainly it was remarkable in its own way because we cut off the costume. And yet," reflectively, "so in it. You might see it here, a pause that tells his wife with anguish, "and there and everywhere."

"A rather ambiguous description," says Ker, laughing. "What was Miss Hilary dressed as?"

After this, a plate falls with a crash to the ground. The parlormaid is bending over the fragments.

"Accidents will happen," says Clifford, shrugging his shoulders amateurishly. "We were talking of Hilary, were we not? She has her little faults, you see."

"Please, sir," says a voice, his desire that ought to have reduced him to dust.

"No, thank you, Hendrikta," returns blandly.

After this—

Diana rises hastily from the table, and with a hurried smile to Ker leaves the room. She is quickly followed by Hilary, and meeting in the safe seclusion of the drawing-room, they fall into each other's arms and give way to wild mirth.

"But but it was too bad for him," says Diana. "The night might have warned us, given us a hint. But to go on like that, Hilary, when he could 'see your attention,' I felt as though I should have to get up and run away."

"I have never been so bad as that," says Hilary. "It is but an attack of the nerves."

"Betrayal! He would never have betrayed you!"

"I suppose not. But yet—hush! Are they coming? I must hurry away and see about afternoon tea. I suppose he'll stay for that."

"Poor darling, you must be tired!"

"Theil!" Hilary throws out her arms tragically. "When it is four—four!"

a photograph of her sister. Is she ugly? Nobody could take Mrs. Verner-Moor's opinion of any one. She would probably say you ugly if you were pretty, just for spite, or pretty if you were—pretty, if you like. What a strange-looking parlor maid, she's pretty, but like her! Old Jim hasn't thought much about that last night, but he did remember her when he had seen her again. Where on earth had Mrs. Clifford picked her up? He could swear she was never been a parlor maid.

"And, by Jove! There she is!"

There she is! Indeed! Out there in the garden, just where the shrubbery begins, with her charming head in delicate repose against the green of the laurels, her smile, and her lips apart and her—smiling, and her arms tucked in the most comfortable and natural fashion into the arms of their master!

Ker, as if disbelieving his own senses, is there Clifford, or one of the maids? A grooms, perhaps. There is, however, no mistaking Jim Clifford; the strong, kind, manly face, the broad shoulders, the gaudy length of limb.

"Your stick, sir," cries she demurely, as she comes up to him. He had stopped on seeing her, as if studying the strange charm that belongs to this strongest of all strange parlor maids.

"Thank you," says Ker. He takes the stick mechanically, as if not thinking of it, and then says suddenly: "I think it was you who gave me that glass of water last night."

His tone is cold, even severe.

"Yes, sir," returns the maid respectfully. "And it was you," with a glance from under the long lashes, "who gave me—hesitatingly and fumbling in her pocket—" this?

She has brought out the memorable florin and is now holding it up between her thumb and forefinger.

"I have been thinking, sir," gazing with evident sadness at the florin, "that a glass of water is not worth two shillings."

An idiotic sense of gladness suddenly overcomes Ker. After all—even in spite of that scene in the shrubbery—she must be a good girl, an honest girl, one whose conscience forbids her to take more than her due. Such extreme delicacy of conscience is not common with her class.

Her class! He is roused from his reveries by the good girl.

"Will you take it back, sir?" She is holding out the florin to him.

"Nonsense!" says Ker, coloring furiously.

"Then I may keep it?"

"Of course," frowning.

"Forever?"

"Forever and ever," says he, laughing now in spite of himself.

"Well, I shall," says the countervail Bridget. "If only," with a sentimental sigh, and downcast eyes, "to remember!"

"To remember what?"

"Ah! never mind."

"But I do mind," says Ker, who has somehow forgotten for the moment that monstrous episode in the shrubberies.

"I'm sorry for that," placidly. "Well," with a respectful smile, "I shall keep it, sir, anyway—forever."

"Did any one ever keep a two-shilling piece forever?" asks Ker with some amusement.

"I shall!" says Bridget sweetly. "I'll make a hole in it, and hang it round my neck."

Ker would have liked to apply some salve to her lips, but she was too

"poor Diana," of course, we tell himself. At this moment "Bridget" glances at him from behind her shawl. "You have won her heart," she says. "I hope you won't tell the mistress, sir," says she wistfully.

"Why should I tell her?" says Ker indignantly. "What I think so scandalous is, that there should be anything to tell her."

"Yes, sir."

She has gone behind the handkerchief again, and her shoulders are shaking. Evidently she is crying hard.

"To me," says Ker, a little softened by this evidence of contrition, "your mistress seems both good and kind."

"Oh, yes she is, sir; she is indeed. You can't think how kind."

"Then I think it abominable of you, spoken sternly, "to betray her in that sort of way."

"I won't do it again, sir. I won't indeed!"

Her voice is quite stifled now. She is plainly in floods of tears. Ker begins to feel quite sorry for the poor, misguided girl. No doubt Clifford is greatly in fault. This pretty creature has only wanted one word from a friend—a real friend—to show her the infamy of her ways, and waken her to a sense of her ingratitude toward a kind mistress.

She would probably not have overtaken him, however, but for the fact that, finding his hand empty, and therefore awkward, he had discovered the loss of his stick and was returning for it.

Just as he comes to the clump of rhododendrons that hide the house from view, he sees a charming, little figure running toward him. Such a figure. Not of Pitt, certainly—though Pitt is quick in it, especially in the eyes and mouth, if veiled. A lovely thing she seems to him, all life, and that at its sweetest—with her soft hair flying loosely round her brow and her lips a little parted.

"Your stick, sir," cries she demurely, as she comes up to him. He had stopped on seeing her, as if studying the strange charm that belongs to this strongest of all strange parlor maids.

"That's right," says Ker heartily. "And you won't tell misses, sir?"

"You know that," says he a little stiffly. Is she only desirous, after all, of getting off scot-free? Her face now open having been lowered, help to this idea. Just as it was before it went behind the flag of distress, lovely, bright, pale-pink.

"Oh! something will happen to prevent him," says Hilary. "It would be too much. How on earth could I meet him?"

The lovely parlor maid holds out her hand to him and forces her feelings that he must take it.

"What a very white and delicate hand! He looks at it as it lies within his own. Never does a stroke of work like it help to it evidently. Leaves all to poor Diana," decides he.

He rests his eyes on hers.

"It seems to me, Bridget, that you are not a very industrious girl," says he austere.

"But why, sir?"

"Please, look at your hands," says Bridget looks at them. She spreads them absurd, indeed, as if examining the offending members with great interest.

"Are they too white, sir?" asks she at last.

"Much too white."

"You," thoughtfully, "would like to play hide-and-seek that night in and out of the rooms?" She holds them up before Ker's eyes. They look pale as paper in the sunlight.

"I don't know what I want," says Ker angrily. He turns upon his heel and leaves her.

CHAPTER IX.

"What a time you have been!" cries Diana, meeting her upon the doorstep and drawing her into the breakfast-room.

"You saw him?"

"Yes."

"You spoke to him?"

"Oh, yes, yes."

"You—?"

"Were scolded by him!"

"Scolded by him!"

"Actually scolded!"

"I don't believe a word of it," says Diana, who as a rule is really the most polite creature in the world.

"Well, you may. He scolded me terribly. So terribly that I still tremble beneath the wrath of his denunciations. I don't think Dr. I could live, out my life with a man whose eloquence that dim

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Local Interest

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Miss Handran, for the past year head dressmaker with the Gardner, Rice, McLeod Co., left Tuesday evening for her home in the east.

Mr. Fred Braden, who has been in charge of the dress goods department of the Gardner, Rice, McLeod Co. for over a year, has severed his connection with that firm and left Monday for his home in Toronto.

Koohiching, Minn., opposite Fort Frances, wants to be organized as a village.

Mr. Leveque, Indian agent, left Tuesday evening by the Keenora for Rainy River.

Mr. Hugh Armstrong, of Portage la Prairie, is in town.

The town treasurer has issued an invitation to all taxpayers who are in arrears to settle before the first of August, coupled with a specific promise that he will use compulsion if not complied with.

Hon. John Dryden is on a visit to Winnipeg.

The train from the east yesterday morning was in two sections. The second section had 15 cars of farm laborers and home-seekers.

Mr. H. Legatt, of the 20th Century

are the beautiful effects which can be produced in lighting, and visitors to the Fair will be treated this year to a unique and magnificent display. The cupolas and domes will be ablaze with light, and the back of the grand stand will be a solid bank of vivid colors, arranged in different designs.

Mr. N. Higbee is moving from his present residence to Third street.

Mr. R. Beaudre has been on the sick list the last few days. He had a slight touch of lead poisoning but is now on the mend.

The football season has commenced and a game has been called for Saturday night. A team from Norman will compete with a number of Rat Portage representatives and a good game is looked for. The game is to be played on the Rideout estate.

The Separate school picnic takes place next Wednesday at Carmichael's beach.

Mr. D. G. Ross' private car went east Wednesday morning.

The trains still continue to lose time on the road and are very late every day.

Miss Macpherson, of Winnipeg, is the guest of Mrs. D. Rose.

Campers are still arriving from Winnipeg in large numbers. The Coney Island cottages are nearly all occupied and many new cottages on neighboring islands are being erected. The Lake of the Woods has apparently not lost any of its attractions for pleasure seekers.

The blueberry season is now on and large shipments are being made every day.

Let no music lover, whether familiar with the name of Ursø or not, miss the chance to hear her at the open house on Tuesday of next week, if he would know what it is to hear a real artist play the violin. Probably there is no critic more competent or more exacting than Mr. Kriehel, of the New York Tribune. Read what he says: "Her playing is innocent of every vice, it is rich in every merit. Her perfect responsiveness begets a confidence in the mind of the listener which free enjoyment from every concern. Her tone is firm, her taste faultless, her style classic as Diana. It is scarcely possible to bestow too much praise on such an achievement as that of last night, but rather it is to be deplored that the words of the reviewer, however appreciative and enthusiastic, cannot make its merits understood."

The Norman planer is now running night and day and large quantities of lumber are being shipped.

Mr. A. Joly has just finished painting Mr. E. L. Dreyer's cottage on the island. It is now a very pretty summer residence.

A switch at Sinnott was left partly open last Tuesday night and a freight train had a narrow escape from being derailed. As soon as it was noticed that the switch was not right the

day was spent in the usual picnic style and the trip down the Winnipeg river was enjoyed by all.

Mr. Chas. Sterling had one of his boats badly damaged in last Sunday's storm. The wind and the force of the waves washed the boat against a tree on the shore and completely disabled it.

Mr. G. S. Luig, of Clark Bros. & Co., Winnipeg is spending his vacation on one of the islands of the lake.

Jno. D. Walker, paymaster of the Canadian Northern, is at the Shaw house.

THE WEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

INTERESTING FACTS AND FIGURES
ABOUT OUR SISTER COLONY.

ONE-FOURTH OF WORLD'S WOOL

Enormous Output of Canned Mutton for Sale Abroad—The Products of the Minas—Gold and Silver Output—

Other Mineral Possibilities—
Some Confirmation About
Her Natural Re-
sources.

A writer in Ainslee's Magazine furnishes some interesting facts concerning the newly-established Commonwealth of Australia:

Four years ago the output of wool in Australia amounted to \$1,000,000 pounds. Now, with a record of 700,000,000 pounds, Australia furnishes one-fourth of the world's wool, and of such a quality as to make it one-third of the total value. It is recorded that the early colonist used to kill their sheep for the fleeces and tallow, leaving the meat for the dogs. Later they began to export canned mutton to the home country, but when cold storage was introduced Australia began her shipments of frozen mutton, which have grown amazingly until in 1900 these exports amounted to 225,000,000 pounds. Meanwhile, her shipments of tinned mutton steadily advanced, reaching last year 45,000,000 pounds. Because of the war in the Transvaal and an immense mining development in West Australia, the new federation, in 1899, with \$60,000,000 output, led the world in production of gold. By constant gains her silver product has come to equal one-ninth of the world's supply. For the past year her total mineral output amounted to nearly \$100,000,000, or \$25 to every inhabitant. Her mineral possibilities in copper, tin, lead, antimony, iron, quicksilver and coal cannot be overestimated. As a result of her astonishing fertility Australia's shipping has reached the total of 20,000,000 tons. Her first railway—that from Sydney to Parramatta—was opened in 1855. It was only fourteen miles in length. Today she owns 15,000 miles of railways. A curious fact on her prosperity is the fact that she has a number of items in her daily mail in proportion to her population, the highest average in the world.

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